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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: PAF IMPOUNDS ANTI-NARCOTICS AIRCRAFT N708U FOR
ENTRY WITHOUT FLIGHT CLEARANCE

1. FOKKER F-27 WITH TAIL NUMBER N708U PILOTED BY CAPTAIN
ROBERT DUFAU ARRIVED AT MANILA AIRPORT AT 1248 HOURS LOCAL
TIME APRIL 19 WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT FLIGHT CLEARANCE.
PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE (PAF) NOTIFIED EMBASSY AND SAID IT
ASKED CAPTAIN TO CALL ON EMBASSY AND MAKE REPORT WHICH
WOULD BE FORWARDED TO DFA UNDER COVER OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

2. CAPTAIN DUFAU DID NOT APPEAR AT EMBASSY UNTIL APRIL
20 AFTERNOON. HE EXPLAINED THAT AIRCRAFT BELONGED TO DE-
PARTMENT OF STATE AND WAS DESTINED FOR USE IN ANTI-
NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN BURMA. HE STATED HE HAD APPLIED FOR
CLEARANCE ON APRIL 18 THROUGH HELI ORIENT, AND HE THOUGHT
HE HAD PHILIPPINE CLEARANCE WHEN TAINAN CLEARED HIM ON
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APRIL 19 FOR DEPARTURE FROM TAIWAN. HE MADE STATEMENT
CONCERNING MATTER, APOLOGIZED FOR NOT MAKING SURE HE HAD
PHILIPPINE CLEARANCE BEFORE TAKING OFF, AND PROMISED NOT
TO REPEAT ERROR.

3. EMBOFF PERSONALLY HAND CARRIED STATEMENT AND DIPLO-
MATIC NOTE TO DFA AND PAF ON APRIL 20. NOTE ASKED DFA TO

FACILITATE RELEASE OF AIRCRAFT. ON APRIL 21 PAF SAID
AIRCRAFT WOULD BE RELEASED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23.

4. COMMENT. PILOT APPEARED SURPRISED AND EXPRESSED DIS-
BELIEF THAT GOP WOULD IMPOUND AIRCRAFT FOR VIOLATING GOP
FLIGHT CLEARANCE REGULATIONS. HE TOLD EMBOFF -- "DON'T
YOU KNOW THAT I AM FLYING A DEPARTMENT OF STATE AIRCRAFT?
THERE IS A WAR IN BURMA, AND THEY NEED THE AIRCRAFT IM-
MEDIATELY." HE WAS TOLD TO STOP SAYING THAT THE AIRCRAFT
BELONGED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SINCE THAT DID NOT
EXCUSE HIS VIOLATION. EMBASSY APPROACHES TO GOP AGENCIES
FOR RELEASE OF AIRCRAFT NECESSITATED 5 PERSON-HOURS OF
WORK (3 FSO AND 2 FSS). STULL

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